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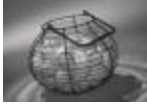
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone ranged mostly steady to barely steady, at times weak. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were mostly normal to occasionally less than normal. Spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as normal to less than normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large and medium and unchanged for small. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Food service movement was light. Supplies were at least adequate to ample.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	46-55	49-52				
LARGE	45-54	47-50	Large	20-29	24	
MEDIUM	36-45	38-41	Medium	15-21	19	
			SMALL	5-9		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were irregular, but usually adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as mostly normal to at times less than normal. Spent hen supplies were fully adequate to instances ample for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were noted as normal to less than normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-65	54-58
LARGE	48-62	53-57
MEDIUM	38-51	43-45

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was mostly light to moderate. Food service movement was slow. Supplies were at least adequate to ample for current trade needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks were adequate to occasionally ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53.5-62	55-58
LARGE	52.5-61	54-57
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually fully adequate to adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules. Light type hen demand was light to moderate for fully adequate to instances ample offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54.5-73	56-59
LARGE	53-69	54-57
MEDIUM	41.5-47	42-46

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available on all sizes for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	56-60
LARGE	54-58
MEDIUM	49-53

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-61	54-56
LARGE	51-59	52-54
MEDIUM	42-50	43-45

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiments were weak. Next weeks' asking prices were 2 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large, 7 cents lower on large and 3 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Offerings were easily adequate for immediate needs.

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. The market tone was weak. Asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large, 7 cents lower on large and 3 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand was fair, best where featured. Offerings were ample. Small benchmark price 62.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	100
EXTRA LARGE	96
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	82

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	81-89
EXTRA LARGE	79-83
LARGE	78-81
MEDIUM	69-72

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-259
MEDIUM	189-239

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the mostly light to at times moderate demand. Floor stocks adequate to occasionally ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE MOSTLY	
BREAKING STOCK	23-26	23-24
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were lower when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was no better than steady with traders closely watch further market developments. Offerings were irregular but usually fully adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were reported as mostly normal to occasionally less than normal for current week. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 15-Apr-2006 were 9% less than a week earlier, and 14% lower than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE MOSTLY	
BREAKING STOCK	22-27	23-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-18	12-15
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -W/E 15-Apr-2006 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,258,534	31,603	12,109	5,887	2,883	4,438
PW	1,262,184	32,091	11,292	6,288	2,484	4,217
LY	1,314,014	31,034	13,308	7,170	2,549	4,507
% PW	0%	-2%	7%	-6%	16%	5%
% LY	-4%	2%	-9%	-18%	13%	-2%
2006	18,950,594	468,448	176,988	96,113	42,811	64,816
2005	18,970,181	452,081	186,146	99,775	42,013	66,037
% YTD	0%	4%	-5%	-4%	2%	-2%
	CW		PW		LY	
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.94	42.69	42.63			
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.41	39.35	39.20			

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	604,980	48.1%	16,329	51.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	573,848	45.5%	16,696	52.0%
LAST YEAR	518,745	39.5%	14,434	46.5%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices on whites, whole and yolks were unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending April 15 was 1% lower than the previous week. Frozen demand was moderate. Freezer stocks were adequate overall.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	44-48
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-55

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and whites ranged unchanged. Sugared and salted yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites with sugared and salted yolk steady to barely steady. Demand was seasonally fair for whole egg and whites and quiet for frozen yolk products. Freezer stocks were balanced to fully adequate, longest for yolk products. Offerings were adequate to cover current needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	38-41	39-40
WHITES	40-46	40-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-52	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-48	

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light with offerings sufficient for current needs. LTL blends were too few sales to report. Trade sentiment was unsettled, but usually about steady to steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 15-Apr-2006 were 12% less than last week and a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	34-42	36-41	42-49
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	34-46	36-42	45-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-52	49-52	56-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	44-49	45-48	51-64

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on whole and blend, unchanged to lower on yolks and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light with offerings adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady on albumen, and cautious to about steady on most other items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 15-Apr-2006 were 16% more than the previous week, and 13% higher than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 2% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.32-1.54	MOSTLY 1.39-1.45
YOLKS	1.20-1.50	MOSTLY 1.20-1.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.60-3.00	MOSTLY 2.80-2.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.18-1.35	MOSTLY 1.25-1.35

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk was too few to report with pasteurized whites reported at 34 cents fob. Trade sentiment continued steady to barely steady for all liquid products. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for whole egg and adequate to available for whites and yolk. Demand was good to very good for whole egg as many breakers had turned away from breaking stock purchases and had become whole egg buyers. White and yolk demand was light. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE	70	21-24	21.70	-.64
WHITES	18	26.5-27.75	27.22	.22
YOLKS		TFEWR		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 14, 2006-APR 20, 2006

CURRENT LOADS							120.00	FUTURE LOADS				70.50	TOTAL LOADS				190.50
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	26.50	38.00	28.63	29.80	36.00	—	11.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	1.00		
GNR W 3	—	26.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	38.00	—	41.00	—	—	50.73	7.50		
GL W J	—	—	40.50	42.00	38.05	—	7.25	GL W XL	33.58	40.03	—	45.00	—	43.58	27.25		
GL W XL	39.00	40.55	40.75	35.68	31.93	—	64.00	GL W LG	30.50	41.00	—	—	—	40.84	12.75		
GL W LG	37.00	39.75	31.67	36.00	30.30	31.00	18.25	GL W MD	22.70	29.00	23.00	33.17	—	29.61	13.50		
GL W MD	37.60	27.00	30.88	32.00	21.00	—	13.50	GL W SM	19.00	—	—	—	—	24.00	1.00		
GL W SM	23.25	26.88	22.25	23.00	17.00	—	6.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75		
GL BR XL	—	—	31.00	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	22.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75										
NRBS - 48	21.00	22.00	—	—	25.00	23.91	93.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	21.00	8.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	16.50	2.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for current needs. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-12	9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was light for ample offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Disposal costs were at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand moderate to fairly good. Rendering facilities were running at maximum capacities as many birds are moved in advance of previous schedules. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-10	4.5-9

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant worked desired schedules. Demand was fair. Offerings were adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	56.00	55.00	44.00
SOUTHEAST	57.50	55.50	44.00
MIDWEST	50.50	48.50	39.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	56.50	55.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	55.14	53.67	42.45

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners were more than sufficient for the generally light to no better than fair demand; heavier canners were at least adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 15-Apr-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,018	1,333	2,351
Last Week	1,185	1,552	2,737
Same week yr ago	1,687	1,411	3,098
To-date/2006	17,966	21,537	39,503
To-date/2005	22,729	19,823	42,552

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	107	3	110
Last Week	194	0	194
Same week yr ago	215	7	222
To-date/2006	3,653	10	3,663
To-date/2005	4,441	18	4,459

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,125	1,336	2,461
Last Week	1,379	1,552	2,931
Same week yr ago	1,902	1,418	3,320
To-date/2006	21,619	21,547	43,166
To-date/2005	27,170	19,841	47,011

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 08, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	258	359	2,814	3,978
Frozen	0	0	80	0
Dried	0	0	146	82
Total	258	359	3,040	4,060

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending April 08, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	30	165	768	2,584
Frozen	4	7	264	316
Dried	0	0	41	300
Total	34	172	1,073	3,200

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 08, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	150	33
Extra Large	2,370	5,300	19,320	69,770
Large	5,230	15,307	26,395	170,301
Medium	750	3,510	18,965	21,345
Ungraded	3,720	8,894	21,080	18,904
Misc	780	0	1,800	3,793
Total	12,850	33,011	87,710	284,146

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	04/17/06	3,407	79,498	66,167
AM	04/01/06	3,393	81,033	64,881
CHG		14	-1535	1286
PCT CHG		0%	-2%	2%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	FEB	FEB	MAR	MAR
FROZEN EGGS:	2005	2006	2005	2006
Whites	2,903	3,025	2,845	3,064
Yolks	719	1,602	828	1,451
Whole & Mixed	11,552	16,396	12,108	13,296
Unclassified	2,691	3,365	2,767	3,029
Total Frozen Eggs	17,865	24,388	18,548	20,840

Source: NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 15-APR-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	216.7	0	4
East North Central	647.6	-2	16
West North Central	324.2	-3	21
South Atlantic	199.3	-2	4
South Central	53.9	-18	-23
West	222.5	8	5
Total	1664.2	-1	11
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 15-APR-2006

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	40.9	32.8	25	53
Boston	3.7	3.5	6	19
Chicago	110.3	107.6	3	84
Detroit	23.3	20.3	15	40
Kansas City	5.4	5.4	0	74
Los Angeles	137.2	117.1	17	17
New Orleans	7.3	6.1	20	-12
New York	33.1	33.7	-2	2
St. Louis	17.5	20.9	-16	2
San Francisco	21.6	19.9	9	15
Total	400.3	367.3	9	32
4 Week Moving Avg.	361.5			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Apr 18, 2006

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	98	96	70	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	92-96	89-93	63-67	43-47
MOSTLY	94-95	91-92	65-66	45-46
RHODE ISLAND	95-99	92-96	69-73	46-50
MOSTLY	95	92	69	46
VERMONT	98-105	96-100	70-75	-
MOSTLY	98	96	70	-

CHICKENS AND EGGS**March Egg Production Up 1 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.84 billion during March 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.73 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The number of layers during March 2006 averaged 350 million, up 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up slightly from March 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2006, totaled 350 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 350 million layers consisted of 292 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2006, averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from April 1, 2005.

Source: NASS

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